

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Ms. Emily Berman Union of Concerned Scientists 1825 K St., NW Suite 800 Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2017-008569

Dear Ms. Berman:

This letter concerns the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on June 19, 2017, in which you requested access to, and copies of, all communications that contain the word "formaldehyde" from March 24, 2017 to May 24, 2017, to or from EPA employee Jeffery Morris.

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the response will require a significant amount of Agency resources and time to search for, and appropriately examine, relevant records. In addition, this will require EPA to search for and collect requested records from several Agency offices separate from the office processing the request.

EPA has initiated coordination of, and search for, responsive records in our files. Because of the broad scope of this request, it is difficult to predict with certainty how many records may be involved. Nonetheless, at this time, EPA estimates being able to complete this request by September 12, 2017. Of course, we will be working diligently on the request and providing information on a rolling basis. If we can respond sooner, we will let you know.

If you would like to modify or narrow your request so that it may be processed more quickly, please contact Lindsay Moose who can be reached at 202-564-3070.

General questions should be directed to the EPA FOIA Office at 202-566-1659.

Sincerely.

Pamela Myrick

Division Director

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